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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING AN OBJECT IN

A DOOR OPENING OF A VEHICLE

Examiner: G. A. Bugg

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 4, 2005, for which a response was due on January 4, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 6, 2006 (February 4 and 5 being a weekend). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

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An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 6 of this paper.